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## ASSISTANCE DESIRED

Assistance is much desired in formulating a well organized statement of the motives which impell human beings in their conduct. After it has been determined what conduct is right for the child when in this, that or the other situation, the problem remains how to motivate the child as well as how to convince the child that it ought to act right. It is possible by intelligent argumentation to prove to a boy that he ought not to steal grapes from a neighbor's vine, and it is not difficult to decide that he ought to pass by the vine to school without stopping and picking grapes: but how can the boy be motivated to leave the grapes alone? And how ought he to be motivated in character education? Some statement of fundamental motives for conduct that is true to the facts of human psychology, sociology and ethics will have to be worked out in order that character education can get a fair start in its efforts to decide on procedures for motivation of children.

The following is submitted as a basis for criticism and advice:

### MOTIVES FOR CONDUCT IN HUMAN BEINGS

These should be held in mind as the basis for motivation of conduct in children.

THE MOTIVE IS THE HOME DESIRES	BODY, we seek comforts
	1. bladder (evacuations)
	2. health (freedom from pain, buoyancy)
	3. intestines (evacuations)
	4. lungs (air to breathe)
	5. mouth (thirst, taste)
	6. muscles (activity, rest)
	7. nose (smells)
	8. sex organs (excitations)
	9. skin (bath, warmth)
	10. stomach (hunger)

THE MOTIVE IS THE ENVIRONMENT DESIRES	BRAIN, we seek satisfactions through
	1. ears (hear things)
	2. eyes (see things)
	3. feet (go where interested)
	4. fingers (feel things)
	5. mouth (taste things)
	6. nose (smell things)
	7. voice organs (talk, sing)

THE MOTIVE IS THE LIFE-CAREER DESIRES	PERSONALITY, we seek growth and maturity of
	1. our abilities
	2. our activities
	3. our associations and organizations
	4. our friendships and loves (including home and church)
	5. our harmony with life (including religious)
	6. our knowledge
	7. our possessions
	8. our power
	9. our recognition
	10. our self-approval
	11. our service to others (happiness and development)

Character education should be such as to strengthen in the child the influence for good of these three great motives—1) the home desires, 2) the environment desire, 3) the life-career desire, in order that they may be operative during adult life to control conduct on right lines and toward wise objectives.

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